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SUBJ: RED: ESCAP-COMMITTEE ON TRADE:

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORK PROGRAM

REF: A. STATE 266122; B. BANGKOK 18129

1. INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL A RECEIVED IN TIME FOR SPECIAL WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION OF WORK PROGRAM AND WERE MOST USEFUL. CURIOUSLY, AUSTRALIA OBJECTED TO STUDY OF MNC IN OIL TRADE BUT REVERSED POSITION WHEN BANGLADESH DEMANDED HIGH PRIORITY FOR THIS STUDY. REST ASSURED ALL WORK PROGRAMS CAN BE DISCUSSED AGAIN AT ACPR MEETING IN JANUARY.

2. US DELEGATION, HOWEVER, HAS FOUND ITSELF EXTREMELY HANDICAPPED FOR LACK OF US POSITION ON EXPERT GROUP REPORT ON SHIPPING REQUESTED IN BANGKOK 18129 FOR USE AT 6TH ACPR MEETING NOV 27. SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES ARE STILL ARGUING EVEN MORE INTENSELY FOR CREATION OF SHIPPING COMMITTEE ALTHOUGH MAJORITY OF ESCAP MEMBERS IS STILL OPPOSED. ALL-DAY ARGUMENT DEVELOPED IN WORKING GROUP OVER SHIPPING PORTION IN ESCAP WORK PROGRAM DOCUMENT L242 AND ARGUMENT WILL SPILL OVER INTO PLENARY.

4. REQUEST IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTION ON US POSITION REGARDING CREATION OF SHIPPING COMMITTEE AND ALSO EXPERT GROUP REPORT ON SHIPPING
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DESCRIBED BANGKOK 18129. RED STILL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS US SUPPORT

OF EXPERT GROUP REPORT OR LESSER OF SEVERAL EVILS. PRESSURE
FOR CREATION OF SHIPPING COMMITTEE HAS NOT DIMINISHED.
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